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1. AS PART OF STATEMENT BEFORE JULY 11TH ECOSOC PLENARY, LEBANESE REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA WAS BEFORE ECOSOC FOR ACTION. TWELVE ARAB COUNTRIES, OF WHICH HE SPOKESMAN, HAD ACTED IN GOOD FAITH IN POSTPONING CONSIDERATION OF ITEM LAST YEAR UNTIL CURRENT SESSION, AND THEY HAD EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT FAVORABLE DECISION BY ECOSOC WOULD PERMIT ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION BY EARLY 1974. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PROPOSAL WOULD BE VIEWED ON ITS ECONOMIC MERITS AND HAD NO INTENTION EITHER IN PLENARY OF ECONOMIC COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE POLITICAL DEBATE.

2. LEBANESE REP STATED NEED FOR COMMISSION IN WESTERN ASIA REGION TO PLAY SAME LEADING ROLE AS REGIONAL COMMISSIONS IN OTHER AREAS.

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MADE POINTED REFERENCE TO OIL RESOURCES OF REGION, THEIR ROLE IN

CURRENT MONETARY SITUATION, AND CONTRIBUTION THESE RESOURCES
COULD MAKE TO BOTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF REGION AND TO
ECONOMIES OF DEVELOPED WORLD. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES NEEDED
RESOURCES OF REGION JUST AS REGION NEEDED TECHNICAL HELP
FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. COMMISSION COULD GO A LONG WAY IN
FACILITATING COOPERATION AND INTERCHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO.
CONCLUDED STATEMENT BY SAYING THAT HE WOULD RAISE ISSUE
FORMALLY IN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE JULY 12TH. MEANWHILE HE WOULD
BE CIRCULATING NOTES ON SOME OF THE IDEAS HE PLANNED PRESENT AT
THAT POINT. BASSIN

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